

**REMARKS**

This paper is submitted in response to a Communication dated August 24, 2005. Applicants have herewith provided a Substitute Amendment for the Amendment previously filed on August 12, 2003. The present Substitute Amendment shows the amendments made to the claims in the Amendment filed on August 12, 2003, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.173.

Only the amendments made in the Amendment of August 12, 2003 are incorporated into the present Substitute Amendment. Subsequent amendments made to the claims during prosecution of this application are reflected in a second Substitute Amendment filed separately herewith.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to accept the present Substitute Amendment of the Amendment filed August 12, 2003.

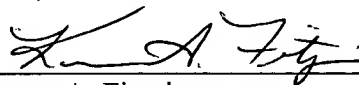
The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number noted if any questions or concerns arise.

Respectfully submitted,



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